

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 10 has been cancelled.

Claim 1 was amended (in the August 7, 2007 Amendment) to include the linear object as a limitation. Based upon that amendment, in the October 15, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claim 1 and the claims that depend there-from (claims 2-3).

Currently, claims 5 and 20 have been amended to include the linear object as a limitation as well. The support for this amendment is the same as the August 7, 2007 Amendment. As such, the rejection of claims 5-9, 20 could be lifted and allowance of those claims granted as well.

These changes do not add new matter.

If the Examiner feels it would advance the application to allowance or final rejection, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Reconsideration and allowance of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

DATED this 10th day of January, 2008.

Very respectfully,

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